

Cyclone fizzles out in rain

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15 lives, injuring scores and rendering many homeless in different districts.

Bhola, Patuakhali, Barguna, Pirojpur and Noakhali districts were the most affected, according to the National Disaster Response Coordination Centre (NDRCC).

The centre said seven people had died in Barguna, two in Bhola and one in Chittagong in the course of the cyclone. Our correspondents reported five more deaths -- three in Patuakhali and two in Bhola.

Some among the deceased were identified as Abul Kashem, 75, Parvez, 6, and Nipa, 10, of Bhola, Syed Ali, 75, Abir, 6, and Chan Mia, 70, of Barguna and Siraj Akanda, 80, Rezia Begum, 50, and Ishaq Mia, 70, of Patuakhali.

People living on remote shoals at the Meghna estuary were never safe enough to escape a cyclone impact.

Many of the offshore chars in Barisal-Bhola regions were also washed over by high waves.

Disaster Management and Relief Minister Abul Hassan Mahmood Ali said the number of casualties was very low because the government had moved around one million people in 15 vulnerable districts to 3,296 cyclone shelters well ahead of the cyclone hitting the Bangladesh coast.

While briefing reporters at his secretariat office yesterday, he also said the government had sent 5,000 tonnes of rice and Tk 10 crore in aid to 15 deputy commissioners of the districts concerned.

"To tackle the aftermath, we kept ready 19 helicopters, 22 vessels of the Navy and four aircraft," he headed.

The fury of the cyclone snapped road, water and air communications in offshore areas. Telecommunications also remained disrupted at

places as several mobile phone towers had been uprooted.

The storm surge washed away flood protection dams through its trajectory.

Bhola

About 1,000 thatched houses were completely damaged and more than 2,000 houses were partially damaged in Mujibnagar union of Charfasson upazila in Bhola, according to sources.

A few cracks have developed on dams at Char Nelin and Char Motahar in Mujibnagar union and rainwater has been entering the lowlands of the area.

Talking to The Daily Star, Anisur Rahman, project implementation officer of Charfasson Upazila Control Room, said the cyclone lashed Char Kukri Mukri, a remote island of Bhola, around 10:00am, causing much damage to property.

The cyclone struck Monpura upazila around 12:30pm, according to the control room sources.

Patuakhali

Around 9:00am yesterday, Mahasen had landfall at Kuakata in Patuakhali after journeying over 1,700 kilometres from its place of origin in the Bay of Bengal.

At least 100 people were injured and thousands affected in different upazilas, said upazila nirbahi officer Md Liakat Ali.

Shanti Ranjan, district relief and rehabilitation officer, said at least 70,419 people had been affected, 7,540 houses destroyed and 18,238 houses damaged partially in the cyclone yesterday, reports our Patuakhali correspondent.

The official said around 1,09,332 people took shelter in 298 shelters in the district.

The authorities were able to provide electricity services on a limited scale at 6:10pm in Patuakhali town,

Quasem faces 14 charges

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Mojaheed was charged with killing intellectuals but no such charges were brought against Quasem, even though the book Genocide '71, used as evidence against Mojaheed, says Quasem and Mojaheed issued joint statements following which the killings of intellectuals commenced.

Expressing concern, eminent war crimes researcher Shahriar Kabir told The Daily Star, "A quarter in the administration, loyal to the Jamaat-e-Islami, has been trying to save Quasem for the last three years."

"We are not surprised that such weak charges were submitted to save Quasem," he said, adding, "The administration is infiltrated by the Jamaat-e-Islami. They are trying to see to it that Quasem is not given capital punishment."

When contacted over phone, Prosecutor Zead Al Malum refrained from making any comment on the charges submitted.

Malum around yesterday noon submitted the formal charges to the registrar's office of the tribunal and included the 200-page investigation report, witnesses' statements, seizure list and documents.

Among the 14 charges, two charges were pressed for the killing of eight people. The remaining charges were for torture, arson, looting and abduction between November and December 16, 1971.

Malum told the media that under Quasem's leadership and with the help of Pakistani army, Al-Badr and Razakar members set up torture centres at Dalim Hotel.

CHARGES IN BRIEF

Charges 1-10 and 13 and 14 were brought against Quasem in connection with abduction, torture and detaining of 27 people in Chittagong and setting fire to homes and shops.

Charge-11 read: One Jasim along with five unidentified people was abducted some time after Eid-ul-Fitr of 1971. They were detained and tortured at Dalim Hotel at Andorkilla and later killed.

According to charge-12, Jahangir Alam Chowdhury, Ranjit Das Prokash Latu and Tuntu Sen were kidnapped sometime in November, 1971. Latu and Tuntu were later killed and their bodies were never found.

The investigation agency began its probe into the alleged war crimes of Quasem on July 26, 2010, and submitted its report to the prosecution on May 6, 2013.

The coordinator of the investigation agency Abdul Hannan Khan on May 6 had said due to "lack of logistic support" it took a long time to complete the probe.

The probes against Mojaheed, Muhammad Kamaruzzaman Jamaat chief Motiur Rahman Nizami, and its leader Abdul Quader Mollah also began in July 2010.

Interestingly, the tribunals have already handed down capital punishment to Kamaruzzaman and Sayedee, life term to Mollah and the war crimes case against Mojaheed is at the closing argument stage, but the case against Quasem is yet to begin.

Quasem was arrested on June 17, 2012, after International Crimes Tribunal-1 issued an arrest warrant against him.

Earlier yesterday, Prosecutor Zahid Imam finished placing opening statement in the war crimes case against former Awami League leader Mobarak Hossain.

Tribunal-1 fixed May 20 for recording prosecution witnesses' testimony in the case.

New Zealand plans to woo more foreign students

AFP, Wellington

New Zealand yesterday announced a multi-million-dollar marketing drive to attract more foreign students -- especially from Asia -- to its universities.

Tertiary Education Minister Steven Joyce said the government had committed NZ\$40 million (US\$33 million) in its new budget to promote New Zealand in key markets such as China, India, Southeast Asia and South America.

New Zealand has eight universities and Joyce said almost 100,000 overseas students were enrolled in tertiary institutions last year, supporting about 32,000 jobs and contributing NZ\$2.0 billion to the economy.

He said the government's goal was to more than double the international education sector by 2025.

"Our high-quality education sector, together with the lifestyle experience that New Zealand provides for international students, is a combination few other countries can match," he said.

Patuakhali in a mess

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six-member family. His only son is mentally challenged and so is unable to earn a living.

"Everything has been shattered, everything," sobbed Amal, a tailor of Salimpur village in Kalapara upazila.

Salimpur is one of Patuakhali's areas hit hard by Mahasen that swept through the coastal district, killing at least three people and damaging several thousand houses and trees along its trail of destruction.

Amal and his wife Shuchitra Mitra, however, are lucky to have survived narrowly. Sending the other family members to a neighbour's house, the two elderly persons stayed in their tin-roofed clay house till 8:30am yesterday, thinking that the house would stand safe.

As the storm began unleashing its fury, they left the house for a cyclone shelter centre. But soon after they moved out, behind them they saw their house being torn apart.

"Now I don't know what to do," said Amal, after he returned to his house at noon yesterday.

Most of the unions in Kalapara upazila, located on the bank of the Andharmanik river, have witnessed similar destruction. Local residents say that at least 80 percent of houses in the areas were

damaged some way or the other.

Some upazilas in Barguna suffered similar damages, leaving thousands of people homeless and with trees uprooted, though it caused fewer casualties than in the previous ones.

The highway stretching from Patuakhali to Kalapara was strewn with uprooted and twisted trees that looked like amputated limbs. Villagers were seen clearing out the trees after the rain stopped.

SM Rakibul Ahsan, mayor of Kalapara upazila, said, "We have not seen so many trees being uprooted or damaged even in cyclone Sidr and Alia [in 2007 and 2009]."

Rizia Begum lived with her husband Mostafa Gazi at Amtali upazila in Barguna. With all their savings, amounting to Tk 2 lakh, they built the house just few months ago. The house is gone.

"It's as if someone had thrown our tin roofs away somewhere. Most of our belongings are washed away by the floodwaters," said Rizia while searching for her utensils in the water.

Barisal Divisional Commissioner Nurul Amin told The Daily Star that at least 3,000 huts had been damaged in Patuakhali alone.

"At least 800 huts were damaged in Bhola as per our

Close shave as it lacked eye

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People of Chittagong and Cox's Bazar, who were on alert to face the cyclone on the basis of previous predictions, heaved a sigh of relief.

Compared to other coastal areas, there was no cyclonic impact in that region with the least amount of rainfall.

A BMD bulletin said yesterday evening that the cyclone, which turned into a depression, would move in a north-easterly direction and weaken gradually by generating more rain.

Explaining why Mahasen had brought in so much rain, director Shah Alam said, "Usually, the cyclone generates a lot of rain when it does not have an eye. A cyclone develops an eye as it becomes stronger or severe -

generating lesser rain."

Whereas the 2007 cyclone Sidr came with the highest wind speed of 260 km per hour, Mahasen with winds of 100 kmph at its peak hit Khepupara.

Meanwhile, heavy rainfall triggered by the cyclone left streets and localities in many regions of the country inundated.

In Dhaka, areas ranging from Gulshan to Kalabagan to Shantinagar went under knee-deep water for a while. The Met office recorded 77 millimetres of rainfall in the 24 hours till 6:00 pm yesterday.

During this period, the office recorded 244 mm rainfall, the highest of the day, in Patuakhali, 232 mm in Khepupara, 188 mm in Barisal and 121 mm in Bhola.

Sitakunda, where the cyclone had fizzled out, received only 18 mm rainfall.

As the weather cleared up, the Chittagong Port Authorities, Shah Amanat International Airport and Cox's Bazar Airport have resumed their operation from yesterday evening.

But the weather office advised the maritime ports of Chittagong, Cox's Bazar and Mongla to keep hoisted local cautionary signal No. Three -- downgrading their earlier signal from No. Seven and Five respectively.

All fishing boats, trawlers and marine vessels over the north Bay had been advised to remain in shelter till noon today, and proceed with caution till further notice, said the Met office bulletin.

5 Indian restaurants among Asia's 101 best

Taiwan eatery tops, says poll

REUTERS, Tokyo

A Taiwanese eatery famed for its dumplings was crowned Asia's best restaurant, while restaurants in Beijing claimed the lion's share of spots in the top ten of a new survey of the food-obsessed region's best dining.

Din Tai Fung in the Taiwanese capital Taipei was ranked number one in the inaugural "101 Best Restaurants in Asia" list, released on Thursday by the US-based food website The Daily Meal, which does similar polls in the United States and Europe.

"Ultimately we chose ... a place best-known for doing one thing absolutely perfectly," said Colman Andrews, editorial director of The Daily Meal, adding that they were aware their selection of the restaurant, which has spun off into an international chain, would be controversial.

Half of the top ten restaurants were in Beijing, with Duck de Chine - noted for its Peking duck - at second place, and the Chinese-style nouvelle cuisine Green T. House at third.

"Our feeling is that Shanghai has had a good reputation as a restaurant city for some time, due both to a strong regional cuisine and the early incursions of Western celebrity chefs ... but that Beijing is definitely catching up," said Andrews.

"It's an imperfect analogy, but in a way the culinary contrast between the two mirrors that between New York City and Washington DC. The former is more famous as a food city, but Washington increasingly offers serious competition - usually just with a little less fanfare."

Food critics, writers and long-term foreign residents in Asia, among others, voted on a list of restaurants pulled together over a six-month nomination period, considering cuisine, style, value and overall buzz, to select the top 101.

Beijing's Temple Restaurant was fourth and Capital M, a modern Australian restaurant overlooking Tiananmen Square, was fifth. Another Beijing establishment, Dali Court, hit seventh.

Varq, in the Indian capital New Delhi, came in sixth. The top ten was rounded out by Hong Kong's venerable Lung King Heen and Michel Bras TOYA, Japan, a Michelin three-star restaurant on Japan's northernmost island of Hokkaido.

Andrews said that Asia's flourishing restaurant scene was developing some interesting new trends. Five Indian restaurants made the list, including one in Bangalore.

"India, indeed, will continue to develop in restaurant terms - and I hope not entirely through the efforts of the top hotel chains - but I also think South Korea shows great promise, and frankly I'm surprised that more of its top restaurants didn't place on our list."

The top Korean restaurant was The Byeokje Galbi in Seoul, which came in at 30.

The list included restaurants in Cambodia, China, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Japan, Macau, South Korea, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Taiwan, Thailand, and Vietnam and can be found here: <http://www.thedailymeal.com/101-best-restaurants-asia>.

লিগ্যাল নোটিশ

এতদ্বারা সর্বসাধারণের অবগতির জন্য জানানো যাইতেছে যে, আমার মোয়াক্কেল জনাব তাসলিমা ইসলাম, স্বামী-জনাব নজরুল ইসলাম, মাতা- জনাব মমতাজ বেগম, ফ্ল্যাট নং-২০২, বাড়ী নং- ৩৫/এ, রোড নং- ১, ধানমন্ডি আ/এ, ঢাকা-১২০৫, নিম্ন তফসিল বর্ণিত সম্পত্তি ক্রয়ের জন্য উহার মালিক মেসার্স বি.জে. প্রপার্টিজ লিঃ, ঠিকানা- ফ্ল্যাট নং- ৩-এ/৫, রোড নং- ৬, ভবন নং- ৩, গুলশান, ঢাকা-এর পক্ষে উহার ব্যবস্থাপনা পরিচালক জনাব সাকুরা রিয়াজু এর সহিত বায়নাবদ্ধ হইয়াছেন।

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(মোঃ আব্দুল ওয়াদুদ)
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Tender Notice

Applications are hereby invited from interested and experienced tech/firm/contractor enlisted in Logistic Area Dhaka Cantt having DGFI security clearance and up-to-date trade license for establishing Fiber Optic & Coaxial Based CCTV with Human access control system located in 902 Central Workshop EME, Rajendrapur Cantonment, Gazipur. The advertisement is as follows:

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3.	Description of the work	Establishing Fiber Optic & Coaxial Based CCTV with Human access control system for 902 Central Workshop EME, Rajendrapur Cantonment. Interested contractor will be able to collect the detail schedule containing technical information and other necessary conditions from 902 Central Workshop EME during office hour.																						
4.	Tender schedule/application price	According to the job cost of each tender schedule, Tk 1,000.00 (one thousand only) to be deposited as Pay Order/Bank Draft (non-refundable) in favour of Commandant, 902 Central Workshop EME, Rajendrapur Cantonment, Sonali Bank, Rajendrapur Cantt.																						
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Request for Expression of interest

NO: FPAB/1609/2013 Dated: 16.5.2013

The *Unite for Body Rights (UBR)* Programme is supported by Dutch SRHR Alliance (Rutgers WPF, Simavi) along with the Embassy of the Kingdom of Netherlands, Dhaka. The alliance is working with partner organizations in Asia and Africa. UBR program aims at empowering adolescent girls and boys, particularly through sexuality education, provision of youth friendly services and creating an enabling environment. The programme is focused on 12 Upazilla.

SCOPE AND PURPOSE

The Mid Term Evaluation (MTE) will only include qualitative data collection to generate overall programme wide progress and process, based on Upazilla specific examples. The quantitative part will be similar to the baseline and repeated in 2015, at the end of the UBR programme.

SELECTION CRITERIA

The Consultant will have a solid track record on the criteria below, with examples of evidence for each: General criteria

1. Thematic expertise in at least one of the following: gender, SRHR, Young people's issues. Expertise on civil society capacity building will be an added advantage!
2. Expertise in evaluating Health Education & Health services (clinic & community based) especially on Sexual and Reproductive Health issues.
3. Experience in qualitative methods and analysis and participatory research.
4. Track record in writing concise, high quality and accessible evaluation reports in English.
5. Evidence of client responsiveness, creativity and flexibility of approaches towards clients' needs and/or challenges in research implementation.

Interested Individuals / Firms are requested to send their profile mentioning their expertise in this field along with required days, budget and detail work plan for this consultancy in 2 separate envelop (technical and financial). The ToR of this consultancy can be collected from UBR Alliance Secretariat FPAB, 2 Noyapoltan, Dhaka or through an email request to afzal@fpab.org

Short listed Individuals / Firms will be invited over phone or email within May, 13 to share their plan and evidence of expertise.

Please submit your proposal and evidences of expertise by 21st May 2013 on or before 12 p.m. to:

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